

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday January 31, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman  
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman  
Doug Mood, Commissioner  
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

Commissioner Robert H. Raney was absent but left his proxy with Commissioner Jergeson.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel  
Utility Division

(38) In the matter of CenturyTel - N2005.12.186 - On December 16, 2005, CenturyTel filed Tariff Transmittal 05-07. In this filing CenturyTel is proposing to offer residential customers who subscribe for a 12 month commitment will be eligible to receive Simple Choice and Unlimited CenturyTel Long Distance for \$39.95 per month.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve CenturyTel's Tariff Transmittal 05-07 in Docket N2005.12.186. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(39) In the matter of Ronan Telephone Company - N2006.1.4 - On January 17, 2006, Ronan Telephone Company (RTC) filed tariffs for the Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) change charge. This tariff complies with the rates and terms specified in FCC 05-32 and DA 05-1045 (CC Docket No. 02-53 released on February 17, 2005.)

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve RTC's PIC change charge in Docket N2006.1.4. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(40) In the matter of TN2298 - Dean R. Curry dba Dirty Deeds Contracting, Plains, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 9446 for a six month period, January 21, 2006 to July 21, 2006.

Commissioner Mood moved to approve suspension as requested. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(41) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of January 23, 2006. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Tim Sweeney, Legal Division

(42) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Level 3 - Docket No. D2005.12.174 - Motion for Admissions Pro Hac Vice:

Commissioner Schneider moved to grant Level 3's motion for Admissions Pro Hac Vice to Rebecca B. DeCook, Erik Joseph Cecil and Richard E. Thayer and the waiver of Rule IV (F). Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(43) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Covad Communications - Docket No. D2005.4.51 - Arbitration of Interconnection agreement:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the draft order as it appears before the Commission. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Utility Division

(44) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NRRI dues:

Commissioner Molnar moved to approve the e-mail draft to NRRI's board in support of Commissioner Jergeson's position in opposition to the increase of annual dues. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(45) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out-of-state staff travel:

Commissioner Schneider moved to authorize Gary Duncan's travel to the Current Issues conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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GREG JERGSON, Chairman

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BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

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DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

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ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier  
Commission Secretary

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At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday February 1, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. the following members were present:

Doug Mood, Commissioner Presiding  
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman  
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

Greg Jergeson, Chairman and Commissioner Robert H. Raney were absent.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Administrator, Legal Division  
Leroy Beeby and Dave Burchett, Utility Division

(46) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Mountain Water Company - General Rate Case (and power tracker) - D2005.4.49, (D2004.9.145):

Commissioner Schneider moved that draft order number 2 be the vehicle to use in the final order with the changes described to be incorporated. This will be subject to further review and that version will be circulated for final approval. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 0.

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DOUG MOOD, Commissioner Presiding

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BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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